IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Leo E. Thompson et al.

Application No. 10/808,929

Filed: March 25, 2004 Confirmation No. 6889

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

VITRIFICATION OF CONTAMINATED

SOIL OR WASTE

Examiner: John J. Kreck

Art Unit: 3673

Attorney Reference No. 7512-73238-01

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the above application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
For	No. after amendment	No. paid for previously		Present Extra	Rate	Fee	>
Total Claims	54	- 68*	=	0	\$50.00	\$	0.00
Indep. Claims	2	- 3**	=	0	\$200.00	\$	0.00
Mult. Dep. Claims Fee (if not previously paid)					\$360.00		
One-month Extension of Time					\$120.00		
Two-month Extension of Time					\$450.00		
Three-month Extension of Time					\$1,020.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT							\$0.00

^{*} greater of twenty or number for which fee has been paid.

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No additional fee is required.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.